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Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary

India Calls

People from the great country of India are calling for Christian Endeavorers to come over and help them.

Christian Endeavor has done much and is helping in a splendid way the cause of Christianity in the nation on the other side of the globe, but there is still a tremendous need and work to do.

Dr. Gene Stone

"America is very much in our minds in India today," John A. Jacob, president of the Christian Endeavor Union of India, writes. "You have sent us millions of dollars to help us out of our economic depression. You are helping us to combat the anti-Christian menace of Communism. But we need more — the youth of the country is convinced that in Christianity alone lies the solution for the tremendous problems of India today. Can you send us more missionaries to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to this country because Christ is the answer to India's manifold problems."

Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union is supporting a Christian Endeavor field worker in India in one of the efforts to meet the present challenge. Wilma Maassen, former president of Iowa Christian Endeavor Union, is one of the most recent Endeavorers to go to India as a missionary. She is located at Mission Compound, Ranipet, North Arcot District, South India.

India Union has just finished a great convention at Jabalpore. Their theme was "Building Up With Christ."

Help for India is included in the goals of the United Advance Campaign.

Encouragement In Burma

Clifford Kyaw Dwe and Nelson Sterling are new part-time field secretaries in Burma, contacting Christian Endeavor leaders in various places from Mandalay to Bhamo.

At a recent meeting of the Youth Committee of the Burma Baptist Convention it was recommended that Baptist churches sponsor Chirstian Endeavor societies as one of the Christian training organizations for Baptist youth. The president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the Burma Christian Endeavor Union are to be members of the Convention Youth Committee. Word has come from leaders in that country that the recent decisions are expected to strengthen Christian Endeavor in Burma.

Very Appropriate

Dr. and Mrs. Bryan on their World Friendship Tour of Christian Endeavor flew from Honolulu to the Fiji Islands on a plane called "Endeavour." Splendid reports are coming concerning the visit of the Bryans to the "land down under." Details of the visit will appear in the next issue of THE WORLD.

Tenth Legion

During the month of November, when many churches are holding Every Member canvasses, it is appropriate for Christian Endeavorers to emphasize the Tenth Legion.

Leaflets on "What Is the Tenth Legion?" and membership cards are available from International Society.

Word has come from Darlene DeBoer, secretary of the Tenth Legion of District One of Iowa Union, of a very interesting Tenth Legion project. This union has made a special crusade to secure members and has printed special certificates of membership and literature.

For Your Information

Bishop Frank V. C. Cloak, for many years an ardent supporter of Christian Endeavor, died recently in Philadelphia, Pa. Bishop Cloak of the Reformed Episcopal Church was a member of the Board of Trustees of International Society.

Congratulations go to *Dr. Clyde W. Meadows* who became a grandfather September 10. Bradley Williamson Broome is the new arrival in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Broome.

Dr. John Duff, a member of the Board of Trustees of International Society, was re-elected president of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association at its convention held recently in Pittsburgh.

Rev. G. Diran Minassian, honorary president of the Inter-State Christian Endeavor Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches and a trustee of the New York Union, was ordained to the gospel ministry October 25 in New York. Our congratulations go to Mr. Minassian who has begun his second career. He gave up a business career to prepare and enter the ministry.

November 15 Is Deadline For Outdoor Poster Orders

Orders for the outdoor poster panels to be displayed in connection with Christian Endeavor Week January 31-February 7, 1954, must be in by November 15.

Requests may be sent to Harold E. Westerhoff, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio. It is hoped that a record number of displays will be posted along the highways and streets of the country for the anniversary celebration.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR World

COVER

Moving Day for Christian Endeavor—The historic desk of Dr. Francis E. Clark is shown being taken into the new headquarters building at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Pictured (left to right) are Wilbur Beasley, Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary, Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary, and Eugene Carter. Transfer of equipment from the former offices at 1201 East Broad Street began October 20. Photo by Charles Stokes.

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EARER MY GOD TO THEE

"Signed" by "silent singer" Nell Spivey the Alabama School for the Deaf.

Silent Endeavorers "Speak"

Enthusiastic Societies Active in Many State Schools for the Deaf

Christian Endeavor for many years s been playing a notable part in de- loping the spiritual life of students state schools for the deaf.

A decade after the first Christian ndeavor society was formed by Dr. ancis E. Clark in Portland, Maine, cieties were functioning in schools r the "silent" children, one of hich was the School for the Deaf in alladega, Alabama.

Christian Endeavor societies are riving in a number of schools for e deaf throughout the country. The ne in North Carolina was organized 1894. Among the places where cieties are active are Texas, Arkan- s, Tennessee, Mississippi, Oklahoma, d South Carolina.

The membership of the Alabama hool societies, Junior and Senior, as increased from year to year with e enrollment of the school. It now as more than 200 members, meetings r three divisions being held weekly.

J. H. McFarlane is advisor for the cieties at Talladega. Mr. McFarlane as been active in this work for near- half a century. Before coming to labama he had charge of a thriving hristian Endeavor society in the hool for the Deaf in Nebraska from 907 to 1911.

The Senior society of the school has n several occasions sent delegates to nventions of the state Christian En- eavor Union. At those spirited atherings their deafness was appar- ntly overlooked as they told through ral interpretations something about heir society's activities.

Senior Endeavorers

The large society of youth of the Alabama School for the Deaf at Talladega is pictured in front of Johnson Hall.

The Endeavorers in our schools for the deaf do not always "speak with their hands," though they generally express themselves thus in their meetings. Their progress in speech has been such that many of them recite passages of Scripture and sing hymns in chorus orally in their chapel exercises. So the "silent" folks in our country and people who are intimately acquainted with them now regard the terms "mute" and "dumb" as obsolete when applied to the deaf.

C. E. Society Officers

Leaders at the Alabama School for the Deaf are: Seated (left to right) — Zelma Walker, Senior vice-president; Catherine Riser, principal of school, and Janice Bowley, leader of Junior girls. Standing (left to right) — J. H. McFarlane, advisor; Joseph Onderdonk, leader of Junior boys, and Jerry Stilwell, president of Seniors.

In a questionnaire recently submitted to educators of and ministers to the deaf a number of the questions relate to the religious training of pupils in schools for the deaf. These questions are adequately answered in the commendable work that Christian Endeavor societies, imbued with the evangelistic spirit, are doing in such schools.

The training given the students of the Alabama School by its Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor societies is well exemplified by graduates of the school who have become ministers of churches for the deaf or leaders of Bible classes for the same. Three of the graduates of the school and of Gallaudet College for the Deaf in Washington, D. C. have taken post-graduate courses in theological seminaries, one of whom, Rev. Robert C. Fletcher, minister of St. John's Episcopal Church for the Deaf in Birmingham, Ala., was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by the College last year.

In a complimentary summary of Dr. Fletcher's 25 years of work with the deaf, Episcopal Churchnews recently stated that he had traveled 52,000 miles during that period. Besides his work for the deaf he ministers to the blind and some who are both deaf and blind. To the blind he speaks orally and those who are also deaf receive the Gospel message from his hands through their sense of touch.

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Christian Endeavor To Present Youth Citizenship Awards

Prizes Totaling $1,000.00 and a Trip To World Convention in Washington D.C., to be given in Annual Contest

Another Christian Citizenship Contest is being staged for youth of North America.

International Society of Christian Endeavor will hold its third event to help interest more young people in good citizenship.

Awards totaling $1,000 in cash and a free trip to the Twelfth Convention of the World's Christian Endeavor Union to be held in Washington, D. C., July 24-28, 1954, will be given to winners.

Boys and girls, in school or employed, who have attained the age of 15 and not reached the age of 20 by February 8, 1954, are eligible to compete. In order to take part in the contest a Notification of Participation must be sent to Christian Endeavor headquarters in Columbus by February 8, 1954.

Letter To Congressman

To compete, a youth must write "A Letter to My Congressman," or for Canadian youth, "A Letter to My M.P." (not to exceed 1,000 words) on the subject "I Speak for Christian Citizenship" and submit a citizenship service record on his beliefs and activities.

The letter and service record must be in the hands of the judges of the state or province where the youth lives no later than March 1, 1954. In each state and province a girl or boy will be chosen as the winner and will then be eligible for competition in the nine regions of North America. The regional winners will be in the finals for International judging. Runners-up in each region will receive awards of $25 each.

Top honors will go to the girl or boy in the United States or Canada who is judged the best on the basis of the letter and service record submitted. This award will be $250 in cash plus the payment of all expenses to the World's Convention of Christian Endeavor to be held in Washington, D. C. Special honors will be given the winner at the convention.

The second award will be $150 in cash and the third $75. For the next six runners-up in the International finals there will be prizes of $50 for each.

Announcement of the top winners will be made by May 1 or shortly thereafter.

Dortha Tillman of Denver, Colorado was the winner of the first award in the contest conducted this year. She is now a student at Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington majoring in journalism. Second award in the 1953 contest was to Ann S. Fulton of Richmond, Virginia, with third honors going to Dorothy Rigney of Nyssa, Oregon.

Previous Winners

In the first Citizenship Contest conducted by Christian Endeavor there were three top winners, Maxine Bond of Kansas and Rev. Clarence Kopp, Jr., then of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, who took highest honors in the United States, and Glen R. Strome, who won the first award in Canada.

Additional information concerning awards may be secured by writing to International Society of Christian Endeavor or by contacting leaders in state or provincial unions. Unions in North America are appointing Citizenship Directors who will take care of the promotion of the contest and judging in their boundaries.

NOTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION

(Request for official entry blanks)

Christian Endeavor Christian Citizenship Award Contest

(Valid only if postmarked no later than February 8, 1954)

Christian Citizenship Director
International Society of Christian Endeavor
1221 East Broad Street
Columbus 5, Ohio

I hereby enter the CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP AWARD CONTEST ..... ☐

Please send me the official entry blanks and other information. ..... ☐

I have requested official entry blanks from my state or provincial Christian Endeavor Union office ..... ☐

(Please check above statements)

Name .....
(Please Print)

Street and Number .....

City and State .....

Local Church .....
(Denomination)

Date of Birth .....

☐ I agree to observe the rules and conditions outlined above.

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Signature of Applicant

Dedication Service Planned For New C. E. Headquarters

Youth Leaders of North America to Attend Ceremonies in Columbus December 6 --- Personnel Now Occupying New Building

Final preparations are being made for e dedication service of the new headarters of the International Society of ristian Endeavor.

These ceremonies will take place Sunay, December 6, at 4 P. M. in Christian deavor's new "capitol" at 1221 East oad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

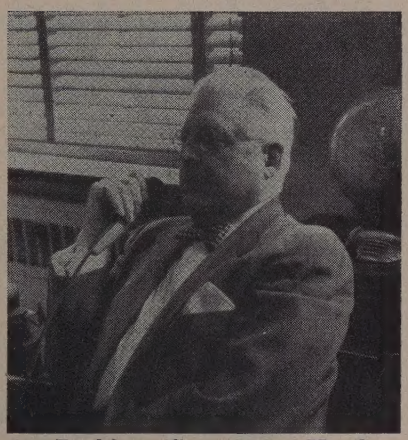
Moving from the former building at 01 East Broad Street to the new quar-s began October 20. Finishing uches on the building and arrangeent of the offices is being made in the eparation for the dedication.

r. Poling To Speak

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the orld's Christian Endeavor Union and itor of *Christian Herald* magazine, ll be the main speaker at the cereonies. Scores of Christian Endeavor aders throughout North America will end. An invitation is being given to interested Endeavorers and their ends to be present. Dr. Ernest R. yan, president of the International ciety, will preside. Following the rvice there will be a buffet supper and ne for inspection of the building by sitors.

The completion and occupying of the w two-story modern structure marks step forward in the work of Christian deavor.

Carroll M. Wright, director of public lations of *Christian Herald* magazine d a member of the Executive Committe of International Society, is chairman the committee that has planned for e new building. Others on this committee are Allan J. Blair, Julian Moran, and Joseph H. Jones.



Building Committee Head

Carroll M. Wright, former executive secretary of International Society, now public relations director for CHRISTIAN HERALD magazine, is chairman of the committee for the new headquarters structure of Christian Endeavor.

Freshwater and Harrison of Columbus, Ohio, are the architects and engineers with J. J. Burgbacher, also of the capital city of Ohio, as general contractor.

Ground-breaking for the new structure took place March 28 with the cornerstone-laying ceremonies being held June 13.

Christian Endeavor's new headquarters is a two-story structure with a brick front, the remainder of the building being of cement and cinder block.

Included in the bulding is an attractive foyer, a large office room, and a number of offices for executives, secretaries, and bookkeeper. There is a conference and assembly room, dining quarters, machine room, shipping and stock room, mimeograph room, record room, and lavatories. Ample parking space is in the rear of the building.

The structure is directly across the street from the mansion of the Governor of Ohio.

Christian Endeavor leaders from North America, including state presidents, general secretaries, and field secretaries, together with International officers, will be in attendance at the dedication ceremonies. This will be the time of the annual meeting of the Program Council of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference in Columbus, Ohio, from December 4 through the 7th. The Program Council will convene the first two days in cooperation with the Executives' Conference.

United Advance

Reports of fine progress have been made by Allan J. Blair, chairman of the Christian Endeavor's United Advance. Efforts are continuing to reach the goal of $112,000 for a number of steps that will aid in the spiritual lives of youth in America and other parts of the world. The new headquarters building is a major project in the efforts of the United Advance.

New Address of Youth "Capitol"—

1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio

Endeavorers "On The Go" For Christ and The Church

WORLD FRIENDSHIP BANQUET (upper left) — Maryland youth enjoyed a special feature at their convention at Goucher College. Dr. Ernest R. Bryan (seated) was speaker. Youth representing countries are (left to right): James Spring, Louise Boone, Lou Guy, Virginia Brezler. Dorothy Richmond, Barbara Dicus, Mrs. Nellie Smith, Raymond Winter, Katie Gaskins.

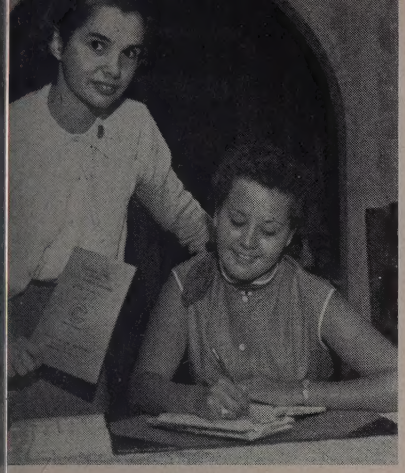
BON FLYING TO THE BRYANS (upper right) —Friends wish Dr. and Mrs. Bryan well as they leave Washington Airport for a tour to New Zealand, Australia, Fiji Islands, and Hawaii. Pictured (left to right) are Mrs. Merritt L. Smith, Mrs. W. Roy Breg, Mrs. Bryan, Dr. Bryan, Helen E. Beiswanger, and Dr. T. T. Roberts. The Bryans return November 6.

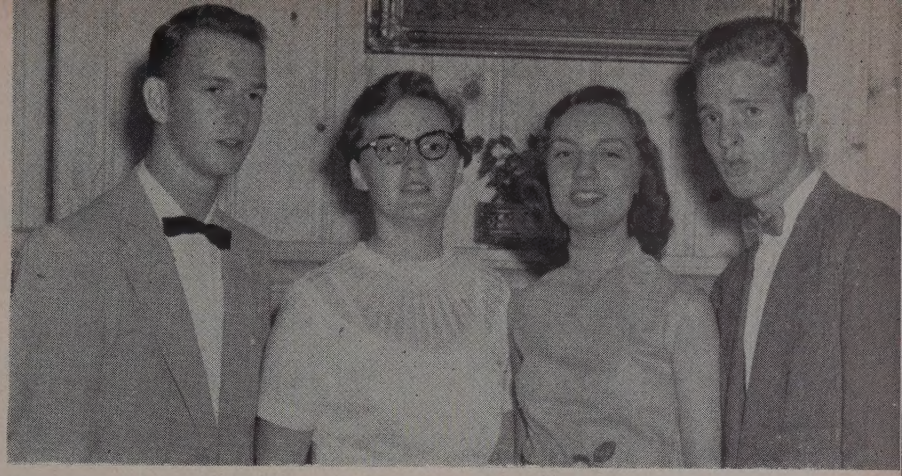
A SALUTE TO THE NEW PRESIDENT (left) — Mrs. Ruth Lee (right), retiring president of North Carolina Union, congratulates the new Tar Heel leader, Mrs. Juanita Euliss.

KENTUCKY RUNNING STRONG FOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR (left) — Picture taken at Booster Club meeting of Kentucky Union in Louisville August 28 shows (left to right) Rev. A. E. Willmott, past president of London Federation of Christian Endeavor; Mrs. Eleanor Leucht, president, Booster Club, and Rev. Cornelius Muyskens, president, Kentucky Union.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY (lower left) — Warren G. Hoopes was honored by over 300 friends at banquet in Harrisburg for completion of 25 years as general secretary of the Pennsylvania Union. Mrs. Hoopes (left) and Mr. Hoopes are looking over YOUTH TODAY magazine dedicated to Pennsylvania's secretary. Standing (left to right) are J. Allen Tucker, toastmaster, and B. McClain Cochran, song leader. (Photo by Bill McEachern)

PREPARE FOR JUNIORS (lower right) — Members of Junior Work Committee of International Society met in Columbus September 28 and 29. Pictured (left to right) are Nellie V. Griffin, Margaret Paugh, Viroqua Nodolf, chairman, June Forrester, Dr. Gene Stone, and Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes.

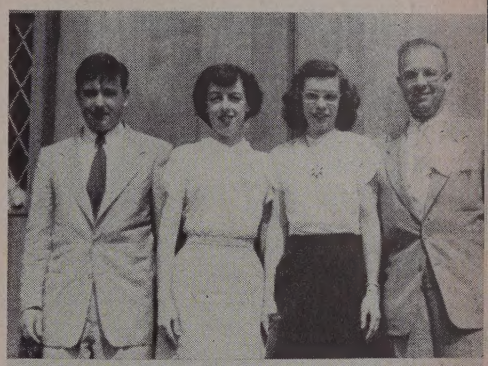




GETTING ALL SET (upper left) — Lenore Wright (seated), chairman, and Joan Riffel, county Intermediate president, plan silver anniversary convention of Philadelphia Intermediates. Joan is holding copy of first convention program. (Photo by Bill McEachern)

VIRGINIA SINGERS (upper right) — Roanoke quartet supplied music for the state convention. Vocalists are (left to right) Bobby Parker, Geraldine Ludwic, Georgenia Draper, and Billy Hedrick.

HOOSIER OFFICERS (right) — New officers of Indiana Union are shown at recent convention. They are (left to right) Ben Mikuta, vice-president; Travis Ewing, president; Phyllis Whitten, recording secretary; and Clifford E. Miller, financial secretary.



NEW KANSAS HEADQUARTERS (right) — Rev. Charles E. Hadley, Jr., associate president of Kansas Union, gives keys of new union office to Maxine Bond, president. Others pictured are J. B. Shelton and Janet Peters.

GLOGAL GO (lower left) — Member of the Christian Endeavor Union of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends made a dramatic presentation for their "Global Go" fund for the support of missionaries. Pictured (left to right) are John Morris, Gilbert Thomas, Tommy Mangrum, Jr., Mervin Kilmer, Patty Poust, Harry Ulmer, Jack Mayo, Lowell Shreve, Leonard Barton, and Ted Brantingham.

WISCONSIN LEADERS (lower right) — Officers of Badger State union are pictured at recent convention at Green Lake. They are: Front row (left to right) — Mabel Preston, Mrs. Leslie Deinstadt, Delphia N. Oleson, president, and Mrs. Wesley Jordan. Back row (left to right) — Rev. George Poppen, Rev. Rueben Wandrey, Merle Long, Carol Ten Haken, Neva Hasart, Rev. Alfred Ward, and Earl Wessels.

Our Stake In Civil Rights

A Discussion Outline

Read Romans 13: 1-8
Psalm 26

IN the exchange of prisoners of war at Panmunjom, men of many nations passed through Freedom Gate, once again "at liberty." Granted that release from the reds' prison camps would mean much to anyone, may we suppose that "welcome to freedom" means *most* to citizens of the United States?

If freedom is greater, broader, more universal, more heedful of personal rights, in our United States, this need not be a matter for pride alone. We are the beneficiaries of concepts of freedom, longed for and fought for by earlier generations. To be sure, the long and costly action to save freedom in Korea is a part of the historic process—for Americans would like to see everywhere human rights respected and certain personal, basic forms of freedom taken for granted. The Korea campaign shows that we do not consent to tyranny, when and if we can defeat it and lift its loads.

But a more serious peril might be that the rights of individuals and also the choices long permitted to American communities and neighborhoods may slowly dissolve—unless we understand and value such rights.

Our American Ideal

The subject is important to Christian Young Adults because —

Our American ideal of "equal rights and equal opportunities" is founded on the Christian principle that each of us, as a child of God, must share in certain basic freedoms.

Another way of phrasing this is that the Christian Church and the free nation alike "respect human personality."

Granted, these are ways to describe an ideal not fully carried out in all the phases of human life. Discrimination by reason of race, color and economic standing has not been crushed. Corruption still permits some law-breakers to escape punishment. Opportunities are by no means even roughly similar for the child of a migrant cropworker and the child of a surgeon.

To one who may observe the American way from outside its rights of citizenship, a primary fact is that the rights described most clearly in the Bill of Rights Amendments to our Federal Constitution (and in similar passages of State constitutions) are reserved to secure liberty under law.

These so-called civil rights protect us from transgression by a government or its servants. And they are rights, not privileges!

"A gang of trouble-makers may invade a public meeting and quite illegally prevent a speaker from being heard. The constitutional right of free speech, however, becomes involved only if and when the platform is denied by a mayor or some other public authority." Ogg and Ray, "Introduction to American Government" (Appleton-Century-Crofts).

Constitutional Amendments

Another departure in American civil rights — historically — is that you do not find these rights enumerated in any firm and final list. Chiefly in the first eight Amendments an impressive compilation is given but note that the Ninth Amendment then says, "The enumeration . . . of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

Remember from your history courses that the Constitution would not have been approved, particularly by the smaller States of the Union, without this group of Bill of Rights Amendments. And as time moved on and the nation expanded greatly, in territory, population and complexity of social and political matters, this charter of individual freedoms has become more important than the founders could imagine.

The civil rights over which government has no oppressive control include:

Freedom of religion, speech, of the press, and right of petition.

But note that churches must conform to certain orderly measures, that citizens are protected from libel in the spoken or printed word, that a parade of protest presumably must apply for a police license, etc.

Freedom to bear arms (except that proper provisions have been made to protect your person and home against thugs with "concealed weapons").

Protection against "unreasonable searches and seizures" and the quartering of troops in homes.

Trial by jury, protection against repeated trials for the same offense, the right to counsel and witnesses, and protection against excessive bail, excessive fines, or "cruel and unusual punishments."

In addition, the Constitution now includes: prohibition of slavery, equal protection to "any person" under State laws, voting rights for all mature citizens including (since 1920) women.

While Congress, the State legislatures and the courts have wide powers to interpret such rights, there are certain matters so clearly defined as to require formal amendment of the Constitution before changes in personal rights are possible. Among these is the definition of what treason is and a requirement that two witnesses are required for conviction in open court. Loss of civil rights by legislative action ("a bill of attainder") has been protected as recently as 1946, when the Supreme Court decided that eliminating three officials from the Federal salary list by vote of Congress represented violation of this provision of the Federal Const tion. Uniformity as to taxation was so safeguarded by the Constitution that was necessary for Congress and the St to amend it (in 1913) in order to pro the present system of Federal income ta

Though much of the American struct of civil rights (particularly as to protec for the innocent against charges of punishment for crimes came directly f British sources, important differences seen in such details as the following:

The courts, and particularly the Un States Supreme Court, can and do challe Federal or State legislation which is c sidered to impair civil rights.

Not only as to the relation of gov ments to the citizen but in the protect of local rights to the less powerful a cies of the people's government (mun pal, county, school district), the Supr Court in particular operates, to q Woodrow Wilson, as "a kind of continu constitutional convention."

It has been suggested too that Cong should maintain a permanent commit with members of the principal parties f both houses, to act as a watchdog c civil rights. The need for this might s more apparent if the courts were vigilant.

President's Veto

The veto power of the President i genuine and frequently used one.

The representative character of memb of Congress and the State legislatures well protected.

Unlike the practice in some other la with representative government, the l islator must be a resident of the dist electing him. For Congressional memb ship, one must not be holding any ot Federal office when sworn in. A Rep sentative must be 25, and a citizen for least seven years; a Senator 30, and citizen for at least nine years.

Much of the control over matters re ing to citizenship, law observance, taxat and education is administered by lo governments, over which (if citizens ex cise their full voting powers) the co munity will have considerable authority choice.

To this last named phase of Ameri government, there applies with special phasis the often repeated declaration t "the people get the sort of government th deserve." The importance of intellig control by citizens of nominations elections—and watchfulness as to appo ments made and ordinances adopted—w be clearly recognized by intelligent Ch tian citizens.

Some Questions

1. By what means can we com disloyalty without impairing the ci liberties of the loyal?

2. Shall we permit persons to h public office (which is not a consti tional right, but a privilege to be ea ed) if they refuse to testify concern alleged membership in and allegia to communism?

3. Why is it important to freedom religion that free speech and a f press be maintained?

4. In what ways (or field of acti might our community be interferi with or discouraging the full ci rights of all law-abiding persons?

Young Adult Workshop

by Bert H. Davis

Via The Eye And Ear

The "Eyes" in Holidays

By Amy Deck Faust

Someone has remarked that it is only e letter "I" that makes the difference tween a holy day and a holiday. Actually e meaning is far deeper than that. It is the difference in spirit. However, it may o be noted that there is an important y to make use of the "eye" at the times the special seasons of the Christian ar.

We now approach the season when anksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's l for "special events" in the church as ll as the home. Many churches have ngregational meetings soon after the first the year and before that month is out outh Week — Christian Endeavor Week d Christian Endeavor Sunday appear. l of these times are rich opportunities audio-visual aids.

Regarding "audio" aids it is well to eck the local radio programs for the liday seasons. The best of radio and evision is presented in the winter months d the music of the nativity season is ecially prominent in good scheduling. ue, all of us may tire and resent the oughtless mouthing of Christmas carols a careless entertainer with nothing else do, but there is much that is good. atch locally and network wise for ristmas and Thanksgiving programs. The ality has steadily improved from year year and it is a rich audio resource. It should be needless to call attention the record albums available. There are ny of them. Soft instrumental music on ords can set the mood for a worship ter or form the background for a poetry choral speaking presentation.

lm on Bible Readings

Just as it is possible to borrow or rent adio for group listening to special events, certain television features are worth wing. The American Bible Society has prepared a short five minute film on the daily Bible readings, for TV use, from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Viewers could report on these.

It is impossible in a limited column to begin to name the special events films and filmstrips available. Slides, filmstrips, and motion pictures can be purchased or rented. Care should be taken to secure these materials well in advance. Not only is the demand great and booking time more important, but the cost is usually greater as the special days near.

Because the visual items are so numerous a careful selection of materials must be made. Some people will like to use for certain age levels the whimsical filmstrips, "When the Littlest Camel Knelt," "Christopher Mouse," and other cartoon type filmstrips. There are dangers in a careless use of these materials. The color, sound, motion picture, "The Littlest Angel" pleases some, but there is danger that some children will take the halo and wings literally and some adults will be broken-hearted if they have gone through a recent loss of a "littlest angel." All of the materials have values but care and preparation must accompany the use of these more unusual aids. The regular Biblical films and filmstrips are listed in catalogues and can be rented in almost any area.

Take Pictures of Christmas Events

In addition to the audio-visual aids listed in the program schedules and catalogues, this season of the year offers real opportunity for originality in the use of aids. Groups owning a motion picture camera or a 35mm camera can make motion pictures or slides of this year's caroling or nativity presentations. Catching the authentic sounds with magnetic film recording, tape, or records will preserve even the audio-effect. Such materials may be used in a part of a local yearly report to the congregation or may be the basis of the entire Christmas program next year.

It should be noted that the screen and projectors serve as backgrounds and spotlights for some live pageantry. Slides projected may be a part of a pageant but it must be noted that live action cannot be presented in front of the screen at the same time a picture is projected unless a rear view projection screen is used. Such screens are available and should be purchased or rented well in advance.

It should also be remembered that this time of the year offers an opportunity for a group of carolers to get permission to project nativity pictures against the side of a building in a unique out-of-door Christmas evangelism. "Angel" and "evangel" have much the same meaning. Even in a cold climate a few well chosen pictures may be projected out-of-doors. Churches near a busy street or those renting space may set an automatic slide changer in place with an array of slides that will come on successively. In a small space this may also be projected "rear view." Think of opaque projectors as well and choose an aid to put the "eyes" to use this holiday season.

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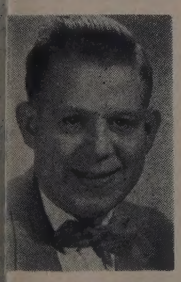

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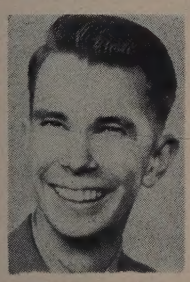
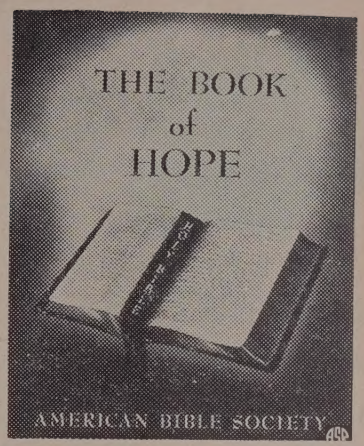


Rev. R. C. Ross

Mr. Gilfoy of Philadelphia, Pennsylnia, took over the duties as field cretary of New Jersey Christian Enavor Union September 1. Bob Ross, sociate president of the International ciety, recently became field secretary r the Indiana and Illinois unions.



Bible Readings From Thanksgiving To Christmas

Again this year the American Bible Society is sponsoring Worldwide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas. The readings listed below exemplify the Bible message of Hope—the theme of this year's program.

This is the tenth year of Worldwide Bible Reading, a non-sectarian movement supported by all classes and creeds and growing in scope each year.

Nov. 26 Thanksgiving	Psalms 103
27	Psalms 23
28	Psalms 43
29 Sunday	Psalms 130
30	Psalms 147
Dec. 1	Jeremiah 17:1-15
2	Luke 5:27-39
3	Luke 6:1-26
4	Luke 6:27-49
5	Acts 2
6 Sunday	Acts 26
7	Romans 5
8	Romans 8
9	Romans 12
10	Romans 15:1-13
11	I Corinthians 13
12	I Corinthians 15:1-22
13 Universal Bible Sunday	Psalms 119:41-56
14	Psalms 119:105-120
15	Galatians 5
16	Ephesians 4
17	I Thessalonians 5
18	Hebrews 11:1-16
19	I John 3
20 Sunday	Isaiah 40
21	John 1:1-18
22	Isaiah 9:1-7
23	Isaiah 53
24	Matthew 1:18-25
25 Christmas	Matthew 2:1-12

Ask Your Friends To Become Members of The Quiet Hour

Senior-Young People

— DECEMBER 6 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Shall I Be One Of The Crowd?

II Corinthians 6:14-18; Romans 12:2, 3; I John 2:14b-17

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

It is possible that the degree of success of this meeting may set the standard for the moral code of your entire group. There is the dynamic in it that can change lives and habits. The very question that the topic propounds is a living issue for every young person today. "Shall I Be One of the Crowd?" This is the topic and the problem. The leader of this meeting should have some very firm Christian convictions about right and wrong to begin with. Let no one attempt to lead youth who has a wrong moral slant on such things. And let it not be a meeting to arouse doubt or uncertainty in the minds of the members by one who is confused in his own thinking. The leader should seek help from God, and from Pastor, teacher, counsellor, etc., in order to get his own thinking straight, then lead forth in a real meeting of power. Seek out as much Scripture as possible and quotations to help prove the points involved.

Since this is the first Sunday in Advent, plans should now begin for the Christmas observance or be well advanced. Bring up briefly the question of a committee or program to adequately care for the Christmas and the New Year season; for baskets or other help for the needy; for carolling or other projects; for Watch Night service; for new "Resolutions" to be considered, etc. Suggest that definite responsibilities be assigned. In short, don't be "one of the crowd" in just being content with a selfish, commercialized Christmas. Begin now to make it the time of the birth of Christ for all.

Bible Passages

M., Nov. 30. Criterion of True Friendship. Prov. 18:24.
T., Dec. 1. Ready to Help All. I Cor 9:19-23.
W., Dec. 2. Watch Your Influence. I Cor. 8:9-13.
T., Dec. 3. Consider the Weak Brother. Rom. 14:15-21.
F., Dec. 4. Individually Responsible. Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32.
S., Dec. 5. A Firm Decision. Joshua 24:14-16.
Sun., Dec. 6. Topic—Shall I Be One of the Crowd?
II Cor. 6:14-18; Rom. 12:2, 3; I John 2:14b-17.

Aim of The Topic

1. To study the laws of right and wrong.

2. To try to determine the code of the Christian Youth today.

What Is Right?

Too often young people say, "Everybody else is doing it, why can't I?" This is applied to many matters of moral conduct. From the point of view merely of custom, this might be a fair question. Overlooked, however, is the serious matter of the right and wrong of the issue involved. Christian young people today need to be shown that right does not rest with the majority. No matter how many people believe in a thing, or practice it, if it is basically wrong, it remains wrong. Neither is determined by individual conscience. Again, no matter how much we *think* something to be right if it is wrong it is forever wrong.

Right is an eternal inviolable principle which rests with God. It is revealed to us in His Word and is unchanging. Our Heavenly Father has established its meaning and its terms. The Lord Jesus Christ lived, dies, and lives forever to maintain it. Let no one think he can easily change it or pervert it. The fact, then, that "everyone" is doing wrong does not transform it into right. Right is the way God has established for His creatures to live. The Commandments and other parts of the Word clearly teach it. Right is doing the will of God. Wrong is all that denies this principle.

Who Is The Crowd?

Let's think for a minute who is "the crowd" that is following these many attractive sins. Are they the sons of God? Are they Christians? Are they the people who know and love God? Or are they the "children of darkness" of this world, sons of Satan who live only for the things of the flesh? Philippians 3:18, 19 says, "—they are the enemies of the cross of Christ, Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things." Are these people worthy of being followed? Are they safe examples to imitate? Our own standards and our proven leaders rise head and shoulders over them!

Who Pays?

Let's think for a moment, also, of a Christian young person, brought up in a Christian home. He has enjoyed the wholesome companionship and experiences of a Christian Endeavor society and of a go church. Life has been good to him becau he has been good. Now he meets a ne crowd, sees a "glamor boy" or two, is tracted by a "beautiful-but-dumb" girl w puts the lusts of the flesh ahead of t values of the Spirit. For the moment le suppose he "falls for" their ways, and t temptations they present. When sin h done its work, when his parents are gri stricken, his church relationships brok and his true friends disgusted, who pa the price? Do the temptation-peddlers? I those who have accomplished his downf pay one bit? The answer is obvious; it only those who have tried to build him who pay. And the foolish kid himself!

A SEED THOUGHT

"No one has a right to do as he pleases unless he pleases to do right."

What Is My Standard?

To be one of the crowd may be popul in the eyes of the world but in the eyes God it is sin. He has said, "Come out fr among them and be ye separate." Corinthians 6:17). Be different! A Christi is different from a pagan and it is a bet way to be. The "difference" is worthwh It represents the difference between lig and dark, between Heaven and Hell. offers the choice of the smile of God the frown of God.

Consider well the evil consequences volved in following the crowd. See if is worth it. Consider the endless, wondr compensations for standing up for right, at any cost, as taught in God's Wo "God is no man's debtor." He will bl His faithful ones.

THINK IT OVER

1. Define right. How does Go describe it?

2. Define sin and discuss it.

3. Is conscience ever a safe guid to moral conduct?

4. What is the folly of followin the crowd?

5. Is right ever changed changeable?

6. What is the best guide to fin right or righteousness?

7. What is the price sin exac from people?

8. Why do some young people fo low the crowd?

9. Is it worth it?

10. What is our best answer for Christian to give to "the crowd"?

The Bible: God's Gift

Psalm 119:97-105; John 17:14-17

Intermediate

— DECEMBER 6 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aim

1. To have the Bible become newly appreciated by the Endeavorers.
2. To exalt the Bible, demonstrating its power to bring hope to men.
3. To create a strong response to appeals to more widely circulate the Bible.

Novel Methods for the Meeting

1. Have six Bible-loving Christians of your church bring their Bibles to the service and display some of the marked passages which represent, or are symbolic of, victories for them in their Christian lives. Give them an opportunity to tell about the occasions, and how the Bible brought hope and, finally, blessing.

2. A display of old and various types of Bibles is a means of creating interest in your service. Several Sundays in advance would be most effective for this display. In the middle of the layout you can put a large poster advertising the service.

3. A well-developed program must have appropriate music. Spirit is created by the use of good hymns, such as "Standing on the Word," "The Old Book and the Old Faith," "Lamp of Our Feet," "Standing on the Promises," "My Mother's Old Bible," and "Wonderful Words of Life." Work up some special singing, too. Some of these hymns would make good trios and duets.

Background Material

When the literary genius, Sir Walter Scott, lay on his deathbed, he called to his servant to bring him "the book."

Sir Walter had many books, which fact made the astonished servant ask: "What book, Sir?"

He replied, "There is but one book—the Bible."

A Gift

The Bible is *the* Book, for it is the Word of God to men. It is the living word of the living God, given as a gift to dying men to bring them light and life. This places the Bible in a place of supreme, even unique, importance amidst all the literature of the world. It is a meeting place of the Divine Spirit in communion and fellowship with the human spirit.

QUESTIONS

1. How can the Bible help us to live uprightly and well? (Psalm 119:11)

2. How can the Bible light our way in the dimness and the darkness that overtake us all? (Psalm 119:105, 130)

3. Why should we read this Book and build our lives upon it? (Matthew 7:24-27)

4. How can the Bible bring us to repentance and belief? (Mark 1:15)

5. How important is the Bible to today's people?

6. Is there danger in worshipping the Book rather than Him who is revealed in it?

Of Divine Origin

The Bible has its origin in the heart and will of God. It is not of human origin. God is the author and men are the writers. It is thus the product of the Spirit of God working in and through human experience.

Revelation

The Bible came by revelation. Revelation, basically, is an "uncovering," a "drawing back of the veil." It is divine activity in exposing what lies beyond the power of the natural world to disclose and beyond the power of man to discover. That is what the author of Second Timothy means when he says: "All scripture is inspired by God" (3:16).

If God is the author of the Holy Scriptures, two inferences follow:

First, God is able to communicate. He is a living being exercising qualities and forces of personality, including speech.

Second, man is able to receive and respond to such communication. This is exactly what the Word reveals.

The Book of Power

What are the first letters in each of these three words—The New Testament? You're right! TNT! Dynamite. The Bible is the "dynamite" book. It's just loaded with power. Because the God of Power inspired it, it lives today.

Paul said so in Romans 1:16. "I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the *power* of God for salvation to every one who has faith. . . ." The Greek for "power" is *dynamis,* which in English becomes "dynamite."

Is life just limping along for you? Are you short on power? Saturate yourself in the Scriptures. Let God's Word work in and through you.

The Book of Influence

God's Word works. It elevates people wherever it goes. Young people exposed to the Bible are most marvelously influenced by it. Take Alice, for example. She wrote notes to her teacher at the bottom of her test papers: "Lousy test if I ever saw one!" "Why don't you quit?" Would you write such to your teacher? However, only a few weeks later Alice asked the whole class for pardon, pointing to her tongue. She had been reading the book of James. The dynamite Book influenced her right where she needed it most.

The Gift Through Translations

The first great translation of the Bible from the original languages was made by a great scholar, Jerome. He translated the Bible from Greek to Latin. His work was finished in 404 A.D. This translation is known as the Vulgate and is the source of the Bible used in the Roman Catholic Church. The beginnings of our English Bible did not appear until the 14th century. Multitudes gave their lives to make possible the Scriptures for the common people.

The Book in Present-Day Speech

Recently there have been helpful attempts at putting the Bible into common, everyday language. The more helpful of these include: (1) The Twentieth Century New Testament in Modern Speech, Weymouth; (2) The New Testament in Modern Speech, Weymouth; (3) The Bible: A New Translation, Moffatt; (4) The Bible: An American Translation, the New Testament translated by Goodspeed, the Old Testament by Smith and others; (5) The Revised Standard Version in 1946 and in 1952.

Make This Gift Yours

First, read the Bible. Read it thoroughly. Read it with all your powers of concentration. Dig into it deeply, for while there is much on the surface for the careless gleaner it is only the earnest student of the Word of God who reads earnestly, faithfully, constantly and prayerfully and really gets at the great truths which the Bible contains. So put your mind to it and read it.

Second, obey the Bible. That means living by what you learn from it. D. L. Moody used to say it was not those parts of the Bible which he could not understand that bothered him so much as the parts which he could understand. He knew perfectly well that in time he would understand partly the obscure, but the most important task was to live by that which he already understood. So it is with us.

How to Read the Bible

Here are a few suggestions.

Read and meditate upon the Word at a time when the body is relaxed, the mind alert, and the soul receptive.

Do not read in a haphazard way; read consistently and consecutively as much as possible—for instance, book by book. The Bible ought to be read just like any other book. Yet the Bible is to be approached with a spirit of reverence, with a prayer in the heart and on the lips. God is speaking through the Book.

A number of methods and techniques for Bible reading and Bible study have been found helpful. For information and for inspiration one might well set out to concentrate on some particular book, such as one of the Gospels or one of the New Testament epistles. Ask your pastor to tell the society the plan and procedure he has found yields best results in his Bible reading and study. Plan a Bible Study Month in 1954.

Scripture Readings

M., Nov. 30. God Hath Spoken. Heb. 1:1-3.
T., Dec. 1. God Speaks through Jeremiah. Jer. 36:4-8.
W., Dec. 2. God Speaks through Moses. Deut. 6:1-7.
T., Dec. 3. "By Inspiration of God." II Tim. 3:16, 17
F., Dec. 4. "Men Moved by the Holy Spirit." II Peter 1:16-21.
S., Dec. 5. An Aid Close By. Deut. 30:11-14.
Sun., Dec. 6. Topic—The Bible: God's Gift. Psalm 119:97-105; John 17:14-17.

Senior-Young People

— DECEMBER 13 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Enjoy The Bible!

Psalm 19:7-10; 119:97-104

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Once a year this day is set aside as Universal Bible Sunday to bring a new emphasis to the use of the Word of God. While such emphasis should be made daily this day may well be an outstanding one in the life of the Church. Something special should be planned for it in many of the organizations, especially the Church school and Christian Endeavor. The topic today lends itself to this purpose. "Enjoy the Bible" offers a real challenge to a leader desirous of having a good meeting. To get better acquainted with his own Bible is the place of beginning. The leader should learn as much as possible about the Book and its distribution. Check up on American Bible Society figures for the year. Try to learn how many copies are printed, sold, given away, etc. Learn in how many languages it is printed. Read how one can enjoy the Bible and use it most effectively. Seek help from the pastor or some qualified teacher. Ask parents about their use of the Bible. Ask some of the more saintly members of the church what the Bible means to them, and how they enjoy it.

This would be a good time to have an exhibit of Bibles, old or unusual. Perhaps some will wish to begin collecting them themselves. From this point of beginning, a Bible reading campaign should be started. A speaker from the Gideons, Bible Society, or some other Bible-loving group could be secured. Films or slides can add to the meeting. There are so many ways to make it different and helpful. Strive also to make its effects lasting, by planning some continuing project.

Aim of The Topic

1. To create a greater love and respect for the Word of God.

2. To learn to better enjoy the Bible.

3. To help in understanding this Book of Books.

A SEED THOUGHT

"I have read other books; this Book reads me."—Goethe.

The Authority of God

The Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God. Let us approach it in faith, acknowledging its authority, authenticity, and power. Otherwise it cannot bring its greatest blessing. This Book speaks with authority, for it represents the will of God, delivered once and for all to His saints. It was said once of Jesus that He "spake as one with authority." This was truly spoken for He shared the authorship of Divine Law and the giving of Divine Love with the Father. Likewise this Book has authority to speak to our lives and to change them, for it is truly "the power of God unto salvation."

Where To Carry Your Bible

A favorite opening question of some Bible courses is "Where is the best place to carry your Bible?" Many answers are given, including places it should be taken, methods of carrying it, how to "show it off," etc. The answer is more simple, "In your heart." Of course the Book itself should be actually carried often and very proudly. But the very best place to carry it always is in the human heart. "Thy Word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee," so saith Psalm 119:11. This is the beginning of true enjoyment of the Bible.

There come times when some cannot read the Bible or even possess it. In these times it is infinitely more precious and desired. At such times its presence in the heart brings fullness of joy. Scripture memorized can never be torn away from us. Teaching that shapes our lives can never be taken. An aged saint of the Church who has long served her Lord provides an illustration. Her vision has failed so that she can no longer read. Yet she inspires many younger people by her fluent quotations and her pointed application of Scripture.

From the point of view of enjoyment there are few who enjoy God's Word more. Through her pastor she recently secured from her State's Library for the Blind a complete set of recordings of the Bible. Now she sits for hours beside her phonograph, feasting richly on the joys of the Word. Her testimony is frequently, "O, I had such a sweet visit with Jesus today. He talked to me for hours." Verily to know the Bible, and to love it, is to enjoy its treasures.

What It Does

The uninformed person thinks that the Bible is used and enjoyed only by religious fanatics or by preachers. This is far from true. The one who is acquainted with its divine Author and understands His purpose *will* enjoy reading it—and it changes his life. Every Christian whether he is young or old will enjoy reading the Bible because of the good it does and the miracles it works.

Chiang Kai-Shek tells of his long imprisonment a number of years ago. Only his Bible was allowed him for reading matter. Through all those trying days, this was the source of his strength and courage. It filled his heart with joy and faith; it provided the working knowledge of Christianity that he has since shown. Indeed, he enjoyed his Bible and was blessed by its ministry.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why is the Bible the greatest of all Books?

2. How has it been prepared for man's use?

3. How can we best carry the Bible in our hearts?

4. What is the best time for reading the Bible and prayer?

5. How can the Bible best work its miracles in human life?

6. How have you failed to make the best use of the Bible in order to learn more about it?

7. Why should we read the Bible?

8. Of what help has the Bible already been to you?

9. Have you memorized enough of the Bible?

10. What new plans will you make for more efficient reading?

How To Read It

To properly enjoy the practice of daily reading and private devotions one should strive to get as much as possible in the way of additional helps. Read long and generous portions at a time. Make a study of special chapters or sections. The use of a good Bible Dictionary, which will explain words and terms, is essential. The accompanying presence of a good Concordance is even more important. By this help special verses can be found. There are several modern versions of the Bible which can be compared with the King James for greater clarification. Many other helps are available, such as commentaries and devotional guides.

All of these help us better understand this Book of Books. They make the believer to realize anew that the Bible instills faith, imparts peace, inspires hope, and impels service.

From The Scriptures

M., Dec. 7. Attentive Reading. Neh. 8:1-8.

T., Dec. 8. The Word of Faith. Rom. 10:4-13.

W., Dec. 9. The Word of Power. Heb. 4:12, 13.

T., Dec. 10. The Word of Hope. Rom. 15:4.

F., Dec. 11. The Enduring Word. I Peter 1:24, 25.

S., Dec. 12. The Good Man's Delight. Psalm 1.

Sun., Dec. 13. Topic—Enjoy the Bible. Psalm 19:7-10; Psalm 119:97-104. (Universal Bible Sunday)

Can We Make Gifts of Love?

(Project Meeting)

Matthew 25:34-46; John 3:16

Intermediate

— DECEMBER 13 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aim

1. To discover the joy of living unselfishly.

2. To plan constructive Christmas projects.

3. To make sacrificial gifts of love.

Plan your Christmas Project

This is the time to plan your special Christmas project. Your leader will know of several needy church families or an institution such as a children's home or hospital which would be glad to have your gifts for a merrier Christmas. After you have decided where your gifts are going, think of something that a boy or girl, father or mother would appreciate and what you can make.

You will need to start your project at once. Plan now when the gifts must be brought in and distributed. Try to get a variety of gifts made by the members.

Why Do We Give?

A Christmas gift is a symbol, a way of saying, "I care for you." If it does not mean that, who wants it? Only the love of father, mother, brother, sister, friend, is of real importance. Like any other gift, a Christmas gift "without the giver is bare."

But suppose money is lacking, or suppose you simply feel that it ought to be used in some other way. What then?

The finest Christmas gift is not the one that costs the most money, but the one that carries the most love.

Try Giving Yourself

The best present is tied with your heart strings. Gracious giving requires no special talent, nor large amounts of money. It is compounded of the heart and the head acting together toward the perfect means of expressing our feelings. It is love sharpened with imagination. For as Emerson explains, "The only gift is a portion of thyself." Family gifts should be the easiest to anticipate because we know—or should know—each member's wish and whim. Yet how often we make the stereotyped offerings—ties, candy, or household utensils. The important thing about any gift is the amount of yourself you put into it.

A Gift to Others

There are many things we could possibly do at Christmas, each depending upon the conditions in our local communities and the extent of our finances. The following list is only suggestive and may be worked out accordingly.

1. Donate to Community Fund.

2. Donate to the Church World Service for relief abroad.

3. Make up Christmas baskets to be used for needy of the church.

4. Collect old clothing, books, newspapers, magazines, either to sell or distribute.

5. Pack a Christmas box for some home mission station or city mission.

6. Hold a Christmas party for the Children's Home—give gifts.

7. Hold service at the County Home.

8. Locate the shut-ins and see that they are remembered some way.

9. Transport the aged and infirm to the Christmas services.

10. Greetings to the sick — also baskets of fruit.

11. Sing carols for those who enjoy it, aged, infirm, shut-ins.

12. Christmas greetings to missionaries of your denomination.

13. Send a CARE package or box of clothes to family in Europe or Asia. (There are special CARE packages for Christian people in Korea.)

Suggestions for boxes for needy:

1. Wash cloths, soap, cretonne, handkerchiefs, apron, bath towels, neckties, socks, stockings.

2. Dolls, beads, toys, harmonicas, balls, checkers, jacks, unbreakable toys, rattles, picture books.

Daily Bible Readings

M., Dec. 7. Hannah Makes a Gift. I Sam. 2:18-20.
T., Dec. 8. David's Gift Must Be His Own. II Sam. 24:22-25.
W., Dec. 9. Gifts for the Tabernacle. Ex. 35:20-29.
T., Dec. 10. The Wonderful Example of Love. I John 4:9-11.
F., Dec. 11. "Such as I Have." Acts 3:4-10
S., Dec. 12. Cheerful Giving. II Cor. 9:6-8.
Sun., Dec. 13. Topic—Can We Make Gifts of Love? Matt. 25:34-46; John 3:16. (Project Meeting)

GOD'S GIFT TO ALL

Vera McNichol

When Christmas joy was in the air
With greetings going everywhere,
Did we meditate upon the reason
Why there's magic in this season?

Throughout this festive holiday
When all good things are on display,
Did we recall the Christ-child's birth
And what brought Him down to earth?

As we partook of the Christmas cheer
And joined in the merriment of the year,
Was not our heart with rapture stirred
By the message the humble shepherds heard?

Among the presents bright and gay
That we received on Christmas Day,
Did we accept this Baby small,
The Gift God gave to one and all?

Some boxes were wrapped in paper white,
Adorned with seals and ribbon bright,
But the best Gift the whole world knows,
Was it not wrapped in swaddling clothes?

The smallest parcel beneath the tree
Brought forth a thrill of ecstasy,
Did we experience such boundless mirth
When offered this gift of priceless worth?

Proudly we show our Christmas cards
And return to each our best regards,
But was any sign of tribute paid
To the Gift for us in the manger laid?

No matter how small the gift might be
We thanked each friend most heartily,
But did we thank the Lord on high
For his matchless Gift no money can buy?

When tinsel and presents are folded away
May we bid the Lord Jesus in our homes to stay,
Not only at Christmas to tell forth His name,
But day after day His goodness proclaim.

—Courtesy "BUILDERS"

A Gift of Love to Mother

Christmas is such a busy time in the average household. The modern mother has to attend P.-T.A. meetings, and make costumes for plays and help serve banquets for Girl Reserve and Hi-Y groups, so her schedule's pretty crowded. Why not make a gift of helping with weekly chores like these? Filling saltcellars, cleaning silver, tidying hall closet, caring for house plants are little things which are helpful. This would be something different from the usual Christmas gift.

A Gift of Love to Christ

As Christmas comes Christ waits and waits for His birthday gift—you, yourself. For He wants you and me very much to be His friends. But why be worried about celebrating Christmas? It is the love of Christ that makes Christmas.

Will you give yourself to Him now? Someone suggests these gifts:

GIVE EAR to those who cry for crumbs —and heap their homely larders high, for lo! the joyous season's here—and Christmas comes!

GIVE HANDS to those who need a guide, nor cast a thought of race or creed, since brotherhood is all worthwhile at Christmastide.

GIVE STEPS to those who cannot plod on their own errands to and fro above the crisp December sod as others go.

GIVE THOUGHT to what you best can do to cheer the heart and soothe the mind and make the world seem good and kind to those less fortunate than you.

GIVE SMILES to all whose weary load brings gloom and pain and gray despair, and bends them low o'er life's steep road; for smiles with them are rare.

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Senior-Young People

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Comments by Earle W. Gates

The Messiah Is Born!

Isaiah 9:6,7; 11:1-5; Micah 5:2; Luke 2:8-14

Pattern For The Meeting

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Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

At this important season there are many things that may be done to provide a very special program. In addition there is perhaps a vesper service to be planned or a Community Carol sing. Such things may well be concluded at this meeting. Bring up the matter, too, of how your society is to bring holiday cheer to the needy. Make Christmas a time of thinking about others. If plans are not already advanced, it is not too late to begin them.

Christmas is Christ's birthday and we must ever keep this uppermost in our minds. As we have our various programs let Him have the pre-eminence. Then, think of others. Self should be last although this is not always the "Spirit of Christmas." Let Christ dominate the season for your society. The topic today, "The Messiah Is Born," is designed to emphasize the prophetic aspect of Jesus' birth. The leader should carefully study the Old and New Testament Scripture references above and any others that he may find to get a clear picture of the lesson. He should strive to personally grasp the deep significance of the message of the Prophets of old as they relate to the coming of Christ. Let the leader first realize that His coming was clearly prophesied, even as to place and circumstance. It may be a surprising revelation. Then he should strive to convey this idea to his associates. In the meeting have the various Scripture references read carefully, then explained. The actual story of the Birth may be reverently told again. Perhaps special music or poetry may be added. Use the carols, and explain their meaning.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. How many Old Testament Prophets have written of Christ? Name all you can.
2. Who is the Messianic Prophet? Why?
3. What is significant about the fact that Christ's coming was so long prophesied?
4. Why do you believe that Christ is the only Hope for the world today?
5. What changes have been made in the world by the coming of the Messiah?
6. Will Christmas make any difference in you?
7. What is the true spirit of Christmas?
8. What kind of world would we have if Christ had not been born?
9. How can we make Christmas live all year?
10. What is the greatest Christmas gift?

Aim of The Topic

1. To reveal the prophecies regarding the coming of Christ.
2. To emphasize the meaning of His birth to the world.

God's Love

This topic should bring to our minds the prophetic aspect of the birth of Christ. His coming was no accident, it was conceived in the mind of God. The Father in Heaven created the first man in His own image, placed him in an ideal environment of perfection and gave him all that he needed or desired. The first man fell from the grace of God and brought sin into the world. Since the day of Adam and of the sins of Cain man has been lost in his own sin. There was no way of atonement for it until the coming of Jesus Christ. Literally, He came to earth out of the heart of God and because of the love of God for us.

The Prophets' Dream

Through many centuries the prophets of God buoyed up the hearts of all Israel with the promise of the Coming One. The Messiah was to be the fulfillment of all Jehovah's promises to them. Isaiah spoke of the Promised One even in the present tense when he said, "For unto us a son is born, unto us a child is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder:—and His name shall be called Wonderful—the Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6). Here the coming reign of Christ was indicated, and the names by which He would be known were given. This was written over 700 years before Christ.

The prophets have had a great and vital part in the development of God's Kingdom. The whole period of the Prophets was about 800 to 400 B.C. Their days were the days of the fall of the Hebrew Nation. Each prophet received his call from God and each did his work in a sincere, conscientious manner. They were vastly superior to the priests, the hereditary class of religious leaders, who often were very sinful men despite their high office. Halley says of the Mission of the prophets, in part that they proclaimed the coming of an "influence" that was to spread over all the earth and bring all nations to Jehovah. He says, "That influence will be a Great Man Who will one day arise in the family of David. The Prophets called Him 'The Branch.' The family tree of David, once

Bible Rations

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the most powerful family in the world cut down in the days of the Prophets, t rule a little and despised kingdom that wa then disappearing, a family of kings wit no kingdom: the family would not dis appear. It would have a come-back. Ou of the family stock would come a Sprou a Branch so great that it would be calle 'The Branch'."

Isaiah, called the Messianic Prophet, be cause he was so thoroughly imbued wit the idea that his nation was to be a Mes sianic Nation to the world, spoke furthe about Christ's coming in his 11th chapte (Read it again). He often has referred t and described the Christ, even as th Crucifixion to come.

Micah the Prophet has also contribute much to our understanding of the comin of the Saviour. In his 5th chapter he an nounces the place Jesus was to be born Hear his prophetic words, "But thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be littl among the thousands of Judah, yet out o thee shall He come forth unto me that i to be ruler in Israel; whose goings fort have been from of old, from everlasting. This, too, was written nearly 800 year before the birth that he so describe Marvelous indeed have been the ways o God in preparing men for the coming o His Son!

The World's Hope

Truly the poet has spoken in sayin "The Light of the world is Jesus." Th echoes the very words of the Saviour Him self. Luke's beautiful story of His birth and then all of the Gospel record, indicate His mission to earth. As we observe Hi coming in this sparkling holiday season w must realize that in Him alone do we hav hope. In Him we find our immortality. I Him the world has its last and only chanc In Christ is peace. Hear His own word recorded in John 14:27, "Peace I leave wit you, my peace I give unto you. Let no your heart be troubled —." May our praye ever be that of the hymn, "Be born in u today." Only as He is born in us personally one by one, does His Birth have its highes significance.

A SEED THOUGHT

"O child of lowly manger-birth
On whose low cry the ages wait,
Lead us Thy way, and every day
Guide us to see what made
Thee great."

The Messiah Is Born!

Isaiah 7:13-16; Luke 2:1-14

Intermediate

— DECEMBER 20 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

ur Aim

1. To rejoice in the Lord's coming as Babe to this earth.
2. To see what Christ's coming meant en and now.
3. To catch the true Christmas spirit self-giving.

rograms

This will be Christmas Sunday in most urches. Probably you will be planning church festival or a Sunday school ristmas program that everyone will want attend.

But this needn't mean "Curtains" for ur Christian Endeavor group on Christas Sunday at all. So we are suggesting o different types of activity from which u may choose your program. Or you ay use them both, if you have a live-wire ng that really wants a Christmas Sunday ening they'll never forget.

FIRST is the possibility of a candlelight sper service for the whole church. You ay direct the service, or perhaps, if it is be an all-church affair, your group will sist in preparing and leading it.

SECOND, is a caroling program for your ciety, which takes some preparation but nich will startle everyone with its fun d effectiveness.

Caroling, well done, will greatly en-nce your community's feeling of the eper meaning of Christmas, and will give u, yourselves, the glow of bringing joy to hers.

The first essential to good caroling is od singing! Many are the lovely carols ited to your voices from which you can oose a few to learn really well. If you'll singing without instruments, do most of ur practicing that way.

One group likes always to prepare tags, homemade Christmas symbols (paper ndles, bells, etc.) to hang on door-knobs the vicinity of each stop. These large, tistic tags say, "Merry Christmas! You ere caroled at 9:30 this evening by the ristian Endeavor of the . . . Church."

ry This Bible Quiz

Try this Christmas Questionnaire on ur members. You'd better have a Bible ndy so you may look up the answers hen the going gets tough. Some adult oups have been stumped on this game. it if you really know your Christmas ory you shouldn't have much difficulty. ne trouble is—well, you'll find out.

1. Who was King of Judea at the me of Jesus' birth? (Matthew 2:1)
2. Finish the Angels' sentence: Glory to God in the Highest ——— uke 2:14)
3. What was the "City of David"? ike 2:11.
4. Who were Casper, Melchior, and althasar? (Matthew 2:1)
5. Who said: "My soul doth magnify e Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in od my Savious?" (Luke 1:46)
6. What were the gifts of the Wise en? (Matthew 2:11)
7. What does "Emmanuel" mean? Matthew 1:23)

From The Book of Books

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8. In which books of the New Testament are the Shepherds told about?
9. Which of the four Gospels does not contain the Christmas story?
10. When was the Holy Family warned of Herod's anger? (Matthew 2:13)
11. Why was Joseph going to Bethlehem? (Luke 2:1-5)
12. What did the angels sing after they appeared to the shepherds? (Luke 2:14)
13. In what kind of clothes was Jesus wrapped soon after He was born? (Luke 2:7)
14. Did the Wise Men return to Herod after visiting Jesus? (Matthew 2:12)
15. How did Jesus receive His name? (Luke 2:21)

No. 1 News Story

The fact that Jesus Christ was born more than nineteen centuries ago is still the No. 1 news story of 1953. Twelve months from now it will be the biggest news story of 1954.

There is no event of the last two thousand years that has so stirred millions of hearts or so left its indelible imprint upon countless multitudes in every clime, as that unforgettable night in Judea's hamlet when Bethlehem, the village of prophecy, became the birthplace of the Man of Destiny. The apostle Paul, recalling the event, declared: "When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman."

Wise Men of the East, looking for Him, saw "His star." So sincerely did they believe that this phenomenon announced the coming of the Son of David, that they journeyed far, bringing their precious presents to the Christ child.

On the hillsides of Judea, shepherds tending their sheep joyfully received the heavenly announcement of the angelic hosts: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.

What a night of eager expectation! All heaven resounded to anthems of praise.

Statesmen, theologians, philosophers, scientists, have attested that Jesus Christ is the most sublime character of history. But what does He mean to *you?* His life and death and resurrection, vital as they are, are largely meaningless so far as you are concerned if you fail to accept Him into your own personal life.

Do not allow this Christmas season to pass without making Him the greatest news in your life.

A Baby Surprises the World

Jesus did not come after the fashion of military conquerors. Neither did He step from heavenly heights as a full-grown man to assume the leadership of His people. When God sent the Saviour into the world He rejected the spectacular methods to which men in their weakness resort and chose a pure country maiden to be the mother of a little Babe

What surprising things God does, surprising most of all because they are so simple! Man has a habit of doing things in a complex way; he is afraid that the simple way is too easy to be right. Contrast the theatrical setting of the presentation of an ambassador of the United States at a foreign court with the simple way which God used to invade history when he sent Jesus into the world as a tiny Babe. And a baby with no weapons but its own innocence often walks into hearts which would be barred forever to a soldier with a gun and a bayonet.

And who would have chosen such lowly peasants as Joseph and Mary to be the guardians of the Holy Child? No one but God!

Christmas Litany

(Read responsively)

Leader: Thou whose thought didst come to men in radiant light, with the song of the angels on the hills of Galilee,

Response: Receive anew the gifts of our worship.

Leader: Let all that we have be presented before thee on Christmas Day,

Response: And may our gifts never be meager.

Leader: As the shepherds of the fields of Bethlehem were aroused by the glory of light, and the message of the angels' song,

Response: May our hearts be stirred anew this Christmas by the coming of the Christ.

Leader: Teach us the message of Christmas,

Response: And help us to seek anew to bring our lives up to the level of that note of love, and peace and good will among men.

FOR YOUR DISCUSSION

1. What did Christ's birth mean to the world?
2. Discuss some of the changes brought about by the coming of Christ.
3. What is the true meaning of Christmas?
4. Is the world in need of Christ any less now than 1953 years ago?
5. What can we do to help others know the Saviour?

Senior-Young People

"Behold I Make All Things New!"

Revelations 21:5-7; II Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 2:8-10

— DECEMBER 27 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Bible References

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W., Dec. 23. New Heart. Ezek. 11:19-21
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At this time of the year thoughts are usually equally divided looking two ways at once—back to the past and ahead to the future. It is the duty and privilege of the leader to point out that last year was not its best either in individual lives or the life of the Society but the coming year *could* be. Emphasize the fact that making resolutions is of no value unless the Lord's help is sought and His strength given.

This meeting has two objectives. One is to give consideration to the individual life and the other pertains more to the society life. Have something special for the meeting if it is only the chair arrangement. Perhaps the first half of the discussion could concern the past with chairs backward. The second half should concern the future, with chairs turned, looking ahead.

Aim of The Topic

1. To examine the past in the light of God's Word.

2. Look and plan forward with God's guidance and strength.

What Was Accomplished?

Any one who has not measured up to what is his best in his own mind has failed. Let each one take time to consider what he has accomplished in the past year. Each one eats approximately three square meals a day, sleeps 6-8 hours a night, attends school or works at a job so many days out of a year, earns so much money and spends so much money. But, this is only physical living. What has been really accomplished over and above maintaining life itself? Has anything worthwhile taken place in the past year, that everyone else couldn't claim, also?

Where Have I Failed?

A runner cannot win a race if he doesn't know where he's going. A football player isn't of much use to his team if he doesn't know what they're striving to do every second. A hockey player can't score for his team if he doesn't know where the goal is. The game of life is just the same. One fails if he doesn't know where he is going. It isn't the ordinary practice for one to put on his hat and coat, leave the house, and not have some idea as to where he is going. Then, why should any one step foot into a new year and not have some plan as to where he is going. If a goal isn't set, it can't be reached.

A SEED THOUGHT

"My best is yet to be."

What About The Society?

As each society goes into a new year, whether it be January 1st, the Fall Program, or the Spring, they should sit down and make plans for that coming year. Plans for special worship programs, service projects, social activities, fund raising events, etc., should be mapped out at least roughly. All these ideas might not work out exactly as planned, or additional ideas might come, but the society will be headed toward some goal. Did the society have a plan or goal last year, and how did it measure up? Where did it fail?

A New Start

God has promised that He will make all things new. This promise is for those who are in Christ. No matter how sinful a life might have been when Christ is accepted as Saviour and Lord all things become new. The past is forgiven and a new start is given. As the new year approaches and as one stands on the threshhold, clearly able to see back, but wondering what lies ahead, he may take Christ's hand and step boldly ahead. With Him as a partner and friend there's no need for fear or doubt. Anyone who has not accepted Him as his own personal Saviour, might well be afraid and doubtful. Study more about Him, pray to Him, talk with Him, and claim Him for your own. II Corinthians 5:17 reads, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Don't let past mistakes delay you, tell the Lord about them and leave these burdens at His feet. Behold, all things are become new—behold, a new creature!

What Can Be Added

Another season, that we know as Lent, is mis-used by those who give up either silly little things that have no effect, good or bad, on their life; or else refrain from certain bad habits for 40 days which should really be wiped away for 365 days a year. In order to receive the fullest spiritual help from the Lenten season things should be added to the life to make it more worthwhile and the practice continued all year. So it often is with New Year's resolutions. Without doubt, there are practices, attitudes, etc., in everyone's life that should be discarded, and a New Year is a good time to do it. But don't stop there. Add worthwhile practices and attitudes and goals. Make it positive!

Some helpful additions to any being o family would include a more consecrated life. No one prays enough. The Bibl teaches, "Pray without ceasing." (I Thes salonians 5:17). The majority of people ar guilty of reading the Bible hurriedly bu not studying it carefully. Again, Scripture teaches, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth no to be ashamed —." (II Timothy 2:15) Every family should have prayer together at least at meal time. Someone has to mak that suggestion and be willing to lead fo awhile. "—he that eateth, eateth to th Lord, for he giveth God thanks—." (Roman 14:6). A family devotional period strength ens family ties and unites the family i Christ. "Families that pray together stay together."

It is easier to make unusual suggestion when there is a reason. Often it is hard t discuss religious topics in the home, it i sad but true. If there is a good "excuse" fo bringing up the subject, it is easier. At thi time of year people are looking ahead an all about them people are planning on do ing "new" things in a "new" year. Per haps that is a perfect opportunity to say "Seeing it's a new year, let's start —." (What are the things your family shoul start doing?—attending church? grace a meals? family devotions?)

"Behold, I Make All Things New" — even you, your family, and your society.

WHAT'S AHEAD?

1. Have you accomplished anything worthwhile in the past year?

2. What can you claim as an accomplishment that every person can't?

3. Where has your society failed?

4. How could you have helped more?

5. Are you beginning the New Year with some goal in mind?

6. What should you add to your life?

7. How can you help your family to put Christ at the head of the home?

8. What improvement can your society make?

9. Will you take Christ into the New Year with you?

10. In what way will you take Him?

Things Past and Things To Come

Philippians 3:12-14; 4:13

Intermediate

— DECEMBER 27 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aims

1. To understand the significance of the coming of the New Year.
2. To know that "the past is prologue" to the future.
3. To survey our achievements in the past year and to plan for greater goals in the new.

Planning the Meeting

Completing an old year to begin a new calls for more than sentimentality. Our ves and our Christian Endeavor are very uch like a book. The present chapter ill soon end. But a new one must be ritten. The next chapter should be better ecause of today's meeting.

It is suggested that "The Book of Life" e the theme. "Book" invitations may be ven to friends and members. The poster ay also carry out the theme in its design. or atmosphere in the service, make a large pen "book" for the front of the room.

Tonight's meeting should include an opportunity for inventory-planning. A list of e things undertaken in 1953 may be aced on a blackboard or a large sheet of rdboard or paper. Then make a list of complishments opposite the undertakings. e honest with yourselves. There should so be a list of things the group proposes do in 1954. These will be suggested by embers, the leader, however, having ady a list of possible activities drawn up the executive committee. Each item ould be discussed, rejected or accepted d adopted. A record of this list should kept in the society minutes for future ference.

Bring the meeting to a close with a ndlelight installation service for new ficers.

Suggested Program

evotional Theme—"The Book of Life."

relude—"Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New."

e Doxology (standing)

all to Worship (standing)

me, let us sail out beyond the portals of our today,
to the sea of adventure with our Christ.
me, let us seek that calm of all His ways,
inding Him living in our deeper thoughts—
he Pilot of our tomorrow.

ymn—"Living For Jesus."

em—A selected New Year poem.

ayer—By retiring president.

ripture—Philippians 3:13-16.

ymn—"He Leadeth Me."

esentation of Topic.

ventory.

scussion and Consideration of Projects.

stallation Service—Conducted by the pastor or sponsor.

e C. E. Pledge—In Unison. (standing)

ymn—"Where He Leads Me." (standing)

e Benediction—Ps. 19:14.

stlude—"Another Year Is Dawning."

TO STIMULATE THINKING

1. What has really happened that is significant during the last year?

2. What are some of the "danger points" in the world we know?

3. Has 1953 been "A Year of Progress" or not? Why?

4. What may the church give to the lives of its members which will prepare them for the new year?

5. What does your society plan which will really minister to the needs of young people?

6. What are you planning to do individually, through the church, to make a better nation and world?

Bible Verse Study

Our topic has a very stimulating Scripture reference. Let us study Philippians 3:13-14.

"Forgetting the Things Which Are Behind." (v. 13).

In 1899, six children of a missionary's family in India were left at a resort for their vacation. During a terrific storm the house in which they were staying slid down the mountainside carring the children to their deaths. The grief-stricken parents carried on. The mother, after the death of her husband, carried on alone. "Forgetting the things which are behind," Mrs. Ada Lee went forward in her missionary work in India. Today there is a strong church there.

"Stretching Forward." (v. 13).

This may be likened to the divine aspirations of man. We may call this a human aspiration, but human aspiration has not carried man forward to the heights of spiritual discovery. Only when he has set his sights on God has he made progress. The fastest man on two feet a generation ago was Charles Paddock. This sprinter gave as his secret for winning the one-hundred-yard dash in 9.4 the fact that he could hit the ground harder with his feet and make the stride longer than his opponents could.

"I Press On." (v. 14)

It may be an interesting study to find whether those who greet the new year with loud hilarity are those who actually do the work to make it a success. When the clock strikes "twelve" and the new year is ushered in, there is actually no difference from the day before. Whether or not the new year is worth shouting about is determined by those who "press on." Paul pressed on, and so has every triumphant Christian. As a youth I press on, keeping my eyes fixed on the goal.

"The Prize . . . Christ Jesus." (v. 14)

The most valuable gem in all the world is reputed to be the Kohinoor diamond. Its beauty dazzles the gaze of men. Mankind gives its wealth for possession of such stones. But we have a greater possession in Christ Jesus. We can say with Paul that we press on toward this prize: "the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Language cannot express the appreciation of those who know their calling in Christ.

Let's Look at the Future

It is the custom at New Years to sit down and take a look at the past and then at the future and then make some new resolutions. Let's take a look at the future and ask a question. What are you expecting to do with your life? Do you expect to spend all of your energy keeping alive and making yourself comfortable? Or, do you, as a disciple of Jesus, look forward to devoting your life to the work of the Kingdom of God?

Go into business for yourself — the business of being a good Christian. Your capital is your character and the determination with which you work. Run your business in the way you know is right, to the best of your ability. Take inventory every now and then; and if you are short on some items, make a note to stock up on them. If there are some things that you would be better off without, eliminate them.

We are entering into a brand new year. 1954 spreads out before us. Each day is filled with 24 hours. And no one else has any more hours to spend than we have. What we shall do with the minutes and hours and days and weeks ahead is up to us to decide.

Shall we learn some new skill? Shall we make some new friends? Shall we overcome some bad habit? Shall we take more of our share of the load at home? Shall we definitely spend some time every day reading our Bibles and praying for friends, members of the family, our church, our missionaries, our President or Queen and other world leaders? Shall we give God an opportunity to speak to us? Shall we determine now with His help to do some hard task for Him in 1954?

Close with Candle-lighting Period

Leader: We close a year and begin a new year. May we light our candles of hope and expectancy for 1954.

Lookout Chairman (lights candle): I will strive as Lookout Chairman to lead the members of this society to Look Up for guidance in our work, to Look In that we may improve ourselves and our society, and to Look Out to win others.

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C. E. Alumni Give Memorial Funds

Instead of sending flowers for funeral services of former Endeavorers and alumni members the District of Columbia Christian Endeavor Alumni Fellowship has decided to make a contribution in each instance to the Extension and Perpetuation Fund of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Leaders have expressed themselves that they believe flowers last but a short time while a gift in memory of an Endeavorer continues to perform service "For Christ and the Church."

The first contribution made by the D. C. Alumni to the Extension and Perpetuation Fund has been presented in memory of Joseph S. Stimson, former president of the group.

Armenian C. E. Union Has Active Program

The Armenian Christian Endeavor Union in Syria and Lebanon, which has been organized for a decade, has a very active program, according to P. C. Krikorian, president.

The union supplies literature in Armenian, publishing pamphlets, books, tracts, hymnals, and daily vacation Bible school material. A Christian Endeavor summer camp in Lebanon has been established where there are many conferences, conventions, retreats, evangelistic meetings, and camp programs for undernourished children. The union has made an investment of $15,000 in the project. It is still in debt for about one-fourth of this amount.

DENVER PICTURES

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Intermediate — Dec. 13

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GIVE KNOWLEDGE to the dull, untaught, for some there are who do not know with what our Christmastide is fraught; and speak of Him, the manger-born, beneath the Eastern Star's pale glow.

GIVE COURAGE to the fearing band that needs the clasp of friendly hand, and cheering smile and all good will; give courage, then, to such as they, this day.

GIVE HEED to others and their need. They know, they feel, they have desire; nor is it what you think is best, but rather what they most require, that you should give and do and say on Christmas Day.

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Intermediate — Dec. 27

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Prayer Meeting Chairman (lights candl Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ strength, as prayer meeting chairman will do my part to make our meetings most helpful and interesting possible.

Missionary Chairman (lights candle I will as missionary chairman urge th this society will study to know more missions and will promote service for othe as a part of our work.

Social Chairman (lights candle): social chairman I will strive to promote spirit of fellowship among the membe and will strive to lead a worthwhile creational program.

Leader: You, as members of this socie have heard the promises of your office Without your help they cannot successful fulfill them. If you will cooperate to ma this year successful, will you stand a join with them in our C.E. pledge? (A may light small candles as pledge is peated.)

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The spirit of Christian Endeavor, hich has made the movement a orld force for righteousness, was oticeably reflected in an incident that ok place in a Junior Christian En-eavor meeting at the Alabama School ears ago.

The leader of the meeting called for impromptu prayer, the member ho was on the program for that num-er being unexpectedly absent, and the lence of the silent meeting deepened. hen a little fellow raised his hand response to the invitation, and hen he faced his "optience," he ayed a doubly impressive prayer ith that—his only hand.

PRESIDENTS

Adean Ziegler

Rev. R. T. Merriman

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C. E. Conventions And Conferences

DECEMBER

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4-7—Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference, Columbus, Ohio

6—Dedication, New Headquarters Building, International Society of Christian Endeavor, Columbus, Ohio

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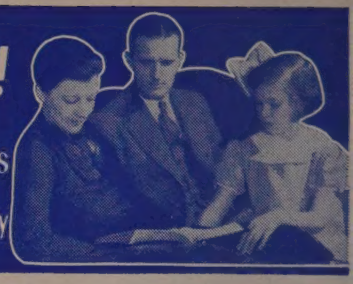

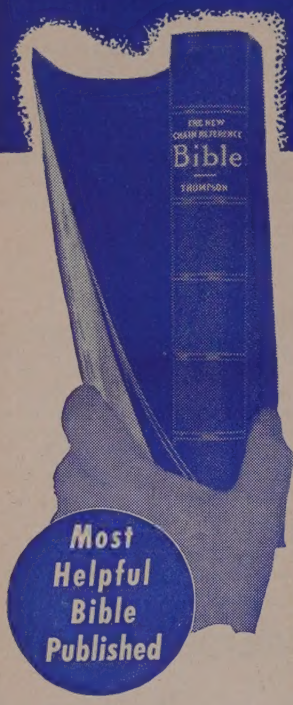

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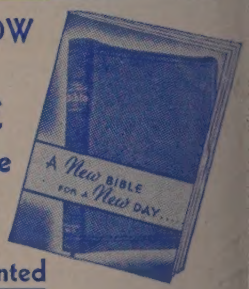

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